

NASS Program Changes for Livestock, Dairy, Poultry and Specialty Commodities and Economic Programs

The following changes in data programs have been approved by the NASS Strategic Planning Council and are scheduled to take place the coming year, generally January 2000 or December 1999 for some commodities.

Livestock and Dairy:

January Cattle Inventory

Questions under beef and milk replacement heifers will be added to collect the number of heifers expected to calve in the upcoming year. These questions will be added on the January 1 Cattle Survey in a few States as a test with plans to start publishing data a year later.

Questions are as follows:

How many of these beef cow replacement heifers are expected to calve during 2000?

How many of these milk cow replacement heifers are expected to calve during 2000?

A question will be added to collect the number of stockers on small grain pasture in Oklahoma. Oklahoma will serve as the test State with plans to add Texas and Kansas in the future. If the test is successful, data will be published beginning January 2001. Question format is:

Of the other heifers, steers and calves, how many were grazing on winter wheat, oats, barley or rye on January 1?

Additional size breakouts for cattle and calves will be added for number of operations by size group for the January report. This would be done at the U.S. level only. Probable breakout levels are: 1,000-1,999; 2,000-4,999; 5,000-9,999; 10,000-19,999, and 20,000+.

Also, additional breakouts for beef cows and milk cows will be added for number of operations by size group and percent of inventory by size group. This would be done at the U.S. level only. Probable breakout levels for milk cows are: 500-999; 1,000-1,999; and 2,000+. Probable breakout levels for beef cows are: 500-999; 1,000-1,999; 2,000-4,999; and 5,000+.

January Cattle on Feed

The January 1 Cattle on Feed report will show data for 1000+ feedlots only; the same as shown in all other monthly cattle on feed reports. The total number of cattle on feed for all feedlots in all States will be published in the January Cattle Report. This change will allow more time to collect information for the January cattle inventory survey.

July Cattle

The U.S. and top (10) States which cover over 55 percent of U.S. inventory will be published. These States individually account for 3 percent or more of the total U.S. inventory. Each of the 10 States will estimate inventory, total cows, and calf crop. If any of the 10 States is in the monthly milk production program, that State would publish an estimate of milk and beef cows also. States included: Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, California, Missouri, South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Colorado.

Farmer Feeders

Pennsylvania will be added to the current 11 States that individually publish feedlots, inventory, and annual marketings for feedlots with capacity of less than 1,000 head in the February COF release. These twelve States cover approximately 85 percent of inventory.

United States and Canadian Cattle

This report was first issued February 22, 1999 as a result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and NASS to release the number of cattle and calves by class and calf crop for both countries in one publication. The next scheduled release is August 25, 1999. This release will be similar to the first, but will contain the current year calf crop. Plans are to continue the two releases on a yearly basis.

Hogs, Quarterly

Information for all States will be published by State in December and individually for the 17 largest States, other States combined and the U.S. in March, June, and September.

Colorado and Texas will be added to the 17 States published in March, June, and September; and Georgia and Kentucky will no longer be published at the State level, but included in the "Other States" category.

The number of States remains the same in each category, but coverage improves:

	<u>Current</u>		<u>Proposed</u>	
	No. States	% Total Inventory	No. States	% Total Inventory
Quarterly Published	17	92.5	17	93.4

Weight group questions will be removed from the quarterly survey starting in June 2000. This means that market hogs and pigs by weight groups will therefore also be removed from the publication starting in June 2000.

Additional size breakouts will be added for number of operations by size group and percent of inventory by size group for the December report. This would be done at the U.S. level only. Probable breakout levels are: 5,000 - 9,999; 10,000 - 19,999; 20,000 - 49,999; and 50,000 +.

Hog Prices

The 17 States for which inventory data are published quarterly will be the same states for which monthly prices will be published. This means that Arkansas, Colorado, and Oklahoma will be added and Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia will be dropped from the monthly prices series.

Milk Production

The current 20 State table based on production will continue to be published. The format will be changed to include totals for "Other States" and the "U.S."

Milk Prices and Milk Cow Replacement Prices

The number of States that collect and publish monthly milk price data and quarterly milk cow replacement prices will be reduced to the 20 States which publish milk production monthly. Annual prices for both milk and milk cow replacements will be published for the rest of the States. States that will discontinue monthly milk prices and quarterly milk cow replacement prices are: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, and Utah.

Milk PDI

The milk equivalent balance sheet will be moved from the Milk Production, Disposition, and Income (PDI) publication to the annual Dairy Products Publication to allow more timely publication of the Milk PDI.

January Sheep

Inventory data for all States which contribute one-half of 1 percent or more to total U.S. inventory will be published annually. The individual States published will account for over 97 percent of the U.S. inventory. The remaining States will be combined and published as "Other States". Data for Alabama, Alaska, Connecticut, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont will be added to the "Other States" total and not published separately.

July Sheep

No change to the current program will be made. Current regions will be retained.

Sheep Prices

Arizona, New Mexico, and North Dakota will be added to the States that prepare monthly sheep prices. This will raise coverage to account for 85 percent of marketings.

Wool Estimate

All States that contribute one-half of 1 percent or more to total U.S. sheep inventory will be part of the annual wool estimate (See January Sheep). These States will also publish annual wool prices. The release date will be moved to January, and combined with the sheep and lamb inventory release.

January Goats

Oklahoma will be dropped from the annual program due to the decline in the number of goats for mohair. There will be no change to the other three States (Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona).

January Equine

Annual estimates for January will not be published due to the relatively large program resources required. Estimates will be made every 5 years and will be based on the Census of Agriculture, commercial NASS non-farm lists, and the NASS area frame.

Dairy Products Annual Publication

The milk equivalent balance sheet from the Milk PDI publication will be included in the annual Dairy Products Publication. (See Milk PDI above for more information.)

The annual publication will include State data for Hispanic Cheese and Whey Protein Concentrate, Human.

Monthly and Annual Slaughter

Alaska will be included in published tables. This is a format change only.

Bison

Slaughter data for Bison will be collected and published annually pending agreement by FSIS.

Poultry and Specialty Commodities:

Broiler Prices

Monthly State broiler prices will be discontinued. Headquarters will publish a monthly U.S. broiler price and annual State prices. The broiler industry is completely integrated and no transactions of live broilers actually take place. NASS computes a "live weight equivalent" price from a formula and published Agricultural Marketing Service prices.

Poultry Slaughter

Non-Federally Inspected Poultry Slaughter estimates will be discontinued due to the declining volume. Contribution: 30 million pounds compared to 45.8 billion pounds for federally inspected poultry.

Turkey Hatchery

South Carolina will be dropped from the program since the only turkey hatchery in the State closed.

Turkeys Raised

Georgia will be dropped from the program (January, August) since the agricultural census recorded no turkeys raised in the State.

Catfish

Based on preliminary Census of Aquaculture data, Illinois will be added to the annual catfish program. Kansas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee will be dropped because other States not in the program have a higher value of sales. Even with dropping these three States, coverage of value of sales is over 99 percent for the U.S. April and October production estimates will be discontinued effective October 1999.

Trout

Distributed fish (fish not sold but released) will be added to the NASS survey to be consistent with the Census of Aquaculture. The NASS *Trout* release will be updated to publish trout sales separately from the value of distributed fish. Maine, Minnesota, and Arkansas will be added to the estimation program since the value of distributed fish in these States exceeds value of sales of other States in the program. The trout survey and estimates will be switched from September to January since the reference period has been changed from September through August to January through December. This change was made to be consistent with the Census of Aquaculture.

Chickens and Eggs

There will be no change to this data program.

Turkey Prices

Pennsylvania and Iowa will be dropped from the monthly price program since there are too few data sources.

Economic Programs:

Number of Farms

Estimates of farm numbers with less than \$10,000 in sales will be published for all States. Breakouts will therefore be added for Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Estimates of number of farms with \$10,000 - \$99,999 in sales will be added for 15 States (Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Colorado, Montana, Virginia, Mississippi, Idaho, Louisiana, Washington, Oregon, South Carolina, New Mexico, and Utah).

Total Farms:	All States
Sales less than \$10,000:	All States
Sales \$10,000 - \$99,999:	35 States
Sales \$100,000 Plus:	35 States
Sales \$10,000 Plus:	15 States

Point farms will be added to the annual U.S. table showing percents of total U.S. farms and land in farms. Point farms are generally farms with annual sales of less than \$1000 but with a value of production greater than \$1000. Point farms are included in the official estimates of farm numbers and land in farms.

Land in Farms

Land in farms estimates for economic size classes will be added similar to number of farms listed above.

Number of Operations and Planted Acreage, Harvested Acreage, Yield, and Production by Size for Corn, Cotton, Soybeans, and All Wheat:

Number of operations and planted acreage, harvested acreage, yield, and production for five size classes will be published annually for the defined “monthly forecast States,” other States, and U.S. totals. Breakouts on planted acreage will only be published for wheat and corn. Data will be published in the Farms and Land in Farms release along with number of livestock operations and inventory by size class.

Acreage Breakouts - Crop Commodities			
Corn Size Classes	Soybeans Size Classes	All Wheat Size Classes	Cotton Size Classes
1-99 Acres	1-99 Acres	1-99 Acres	1-99 Acres
100-249 Acres	100-249 Acres	100-249 Acres	100-249 Acres
250-499 Acres	250-499 Acres	250-499 Acres	250-499 Acres
500-999 Acres	500-999 Acres	500-999 Acres	500-999 Acres
1,000 + Acres	1,000 + Acres	1,000 + Acres	1,000 + Acres
Total	Total	Total	Total

Number of Operations and Livestock Inventories by Size for Cattle, Hogs, Milk Cows, and Beef Cows:

The data will be published in the Farms and Land in Farms release.

Size Class Breakouts - Livestock Commodities		
	% Operations	% Inventory
Operations with Cattle & Calves , Total (U.S. and States)		
Operations having Cattle & Calves, 1-49 Head	62.3	12.5
Operations having Cattle & Calves, 50-99 Head	17.4	12.9
Operations having Cattle & Calves, 100-499 Head	17.8	37.0
Operations having Cattle & Calves, 500-999 Head	1.6	11.8
Operations having Cattle & Calves, 1000 + Head	0.8	25.8
Additional size breakouts for U.S. only: 1,000-1,999; 2,000-4,999; 5,000-9,999; 10,000-19,999; and 20,000+		
	% Operations	% Inventory
Operations with Hogs , Total		
Operations having Hogs, 1-99 Head	54.4	2.0
Operations having Hogs, 100-499 Head	23.6	9.5
Operations having Hogs, 500-999 Head	10.0	11.0
Operations having Hogs, 1,000-1,999 Head	6.0	14.0
Operations having Hogs, 2,000-4,999 Head	4.2	21.5
Operations having Hogs, 5,000 + Head	1.7	42.0
Additional size breakouts for U.S. only: 5,000-9,999; 10,000-19,999; 20,000-49,999; and 50,000+		
	% Operations	% Inventory
Operations with Milk Cows , Total		
Operations having Milk Cows, 1-29 Head	30.7	3.6
Operations having Milk Cows, 30-49 Head	21.6	10.1
Operations having Milk Cows, 50-99 Head	29.4	26.0
Operations having Milk Cows, 100-199 Head	11.8	20.0
Operations having Milk Cows, 200-499 Head	4.4	15.0
Operations having Milk Cows, 500+ Head	2.1	25.3
Additional size breakouts for U.S. only: 500-999; 1,000-1,999; and 2,000+		
	% Operations	% Inventory
Operations with Beef Cows , Total		
Operations having Beef Cows, 1-49 Head	79.4	30.4
Operations having Beef Cows, 50-99 Head	11.8	18.8
Operations having Beef Cows, 100-499 Head	8.2	36.1
Operations having Beef Cows, 500 + Head	0.6	14.7
Additional size breakouts for U.S. only: 500-999; 1,000-1,999; 2,000-4,999; and 5,000+		

Farm Labor

Add annual wage rates for the U.S. and by region, where possible, by type of operation, i.e., tobacco, cotton, dairy, hog, etc.